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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Trading was slow on frozen with most transactions taking place on resales which ranged from 95-100 cents. Late buying interest slowing. Processors concentrating on bagging birds for fresh and frozen for the upcoming holidays. Fresh whole turkey movement is heavy next week for the upcoming holiday with prices running at record highs. Offerings short of buyers needs. Trading on bulk meat and parts was slow. Demand was light as buyers take a wait and see attitude towards the market.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was slow to moderate. Demand was light as buyers are cautious and selective, most interest noted from the Caribbean and Mexico. Offerings adequate to ample.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **NOVEMBER 02, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	102-104	-	-	-	100.00	20	DEC	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	102-104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	102-104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	102-104	-	-	-	100.00	20	DEC	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	102-104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	102-104	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	100-103	102	102.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	100-103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	100-103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	100-103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	100-103	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

W/E NOV 03, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	103.00**	98.00	84.80**	EASTERN REGION	95.83	84.40	82.40
CENTRAL REGION	102.00	99.70	86.00	CENTRAL REGION	96.31	84.43	83.16
WESTERN REGION	103.00**	100.80**	86.83	WESTERN REGION	95.81	84.43	83.03
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	103.00**	100.80**	83.00**	EASTERN REGION	95.94	84.23	81.71
CENTRAL REGION	103.00**	105.00	84.00	CENTRAL REGION	96.52	83.93	80.80
WESTERN REGION	103.00**	100.80**	82.00	WESTERN REGION	95.74	83.98	81.10

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	109-118
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	109-118
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	100-105
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	97

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	116-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	116-133
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	116-135
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	116-133
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	120-133

**NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -**

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS  
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of November 06, 2006

Price (cents/lb.)      Volume (lbs.)

**PRICED AT TIME OF SALE**

8-16 lbs.	103.94	3,413,500
16-24 lbs.	103.32	1,683,236

**PRICE TO BE DETERMINED**

8-16 lbs.	--	1,520,000
16-24 lbs.	--	1,510,000

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Total Volume:      8,026,736

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**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 28-Oct-2006 (Preliminary)

	<u>YOUNG</u>			<u>OLD</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>Pct Chg</u>	<u>Avg Live</u>		<u>Banded</u>		<u>Avg</u>
<u>-Thousand Head-</u>	<u>Prev wk</u>	<u>wt</u>	<u>-Thousand Head-</u>		<u>Live wt</u>	
North East	927    9	23.91	(A)    928		23.91	
South Atlantic	714   -13	29.84	(A)    714		29.84	
North Central	2,325   12	31.24	(A)   2,325		31.24	
South Central	812    10	17.55	(A)    812		17.55	
West	655   122	25.03	(A)    655		25.03	
U.S. total	5,433(B) 13	27.02	1    5,434		27.02	
To-date						
2006	195,367(B)		202	195,569		
To-date						
2005	189,828(B)		186	190,014		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 1,080,000; for last year to date 1,009,000.

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	427,095*
October 1 - 28, 2006	445,134*

To date 2006	4,376,208*
To date 2005	4,301,589*

\* Preliminary

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>				
W/E 28-Oct-2006					
Head	2,524	2,879	30	1	5,434
Avg Wt	17.04	35.78	25.35	63.16	27.02
Last week	2,033	2,730	30	6	4,799
Same wk yr ago	2,642	2,789	13	0	5,444
Avg Wt	16.46	35.21	24.69	0.00	26.09
To-date/2006	83,485	110,802	1,080	202	195,569
To-date/2005	77,337	111,482	1,009	186	190,014

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS** INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 02 NOVEMBER 2006.

The market tone on tom breast meat was steady, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin steady to barely steady, breast trim and scapula steady to weak. Demand on fresh tom breast meat moderate to good, fresh wing meat with skin and destrapped tenderloins light to moderate, balance of white meat light at best. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat light to adequate, destrapped tenderloins and wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, frozen tom breast meat light, fresh scapula mixed, breast trim and frozen scapula adequate to burdensome. Trading active on fresh tom breast and tom full-cut wings, balance slow to moderate. For domestic (fresh): -20% mechanically separated turkey 7 for pet foods, wing meat 99-101, breast trim 102-108, scapula 109-114 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 30.50 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	130.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	158.00-161.00		158.27	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/				
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	40.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-31.00		30.73	440
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	49.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	53.00		53.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	85.56	180
NECKS, TOM	32.00-34.00		33.20	200
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	197.00		197.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	203.00-205.00		203.10	504
THIGH MEAT		W	97.83	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	97.89	45
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.00	35
TENDERLOINS		W	195.00	10
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-189.00		188.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.43	140
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	31.50		31.50	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	48.00	104
TAILS		F	31.75	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50		18.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	97.33	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums was mostly steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to barely steady. Demand moderate on tom drums spurred in part by the active ground turkey feature activity, balance of tom bulk parts light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums light to adequate, balance of tom bulk parts adequate to ample. Trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance light to moderate. For domestic: fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) January-December, 2007 contracts 19-21, fresh destrapped tenderloin January-December, 2007 contract 160, frozen +20% +90 days age 7 for pet foods, tails 29-30, frozen ground turkey -85% lean 10 lb. tubes 76, fresh breast trim 106, fresh scapula 109-111, plant grade non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 180 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 38, fries 80 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/ W R	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	(000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	130.00	40	128.40	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	158.27	11	158.27	11
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	38.00-40.00		39.58	53	39.70	73
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	36.00-40.00		38.75	160	38.75	160
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	38.00	20	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	30.00-34.00		32.00	183	31.14	678
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	54.00		54.00	5	52.55	138
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	31.00-33.00		31.80	147	32.57	367
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	197.00		197.00	1	197.00	41
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	201.00-203.00		202.28	578	202.70	1,242
THIGH MEAT	98.00		98.00	2	97.84	122
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	97.00-98.00		97.67	166	97.67	166
BREAST TRIM MEAT	98.00-106.00		102.00	80	102.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.00	35		
TENDERLOINS	194.00		194.00	2	194.83	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	185.00	20		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	194.00-196.00		194.12	85	193.37	205
WING MEAT WITH SKIN						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00-20.00		18.10	345	18.46	725
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	39.25	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	33.00		33.00	40	32.44	154
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	50.00		50.00	104	50.00	104
TAILS		F	31.75	160		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.50	80	17.75	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00		96.00	40	96.00	40

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